

Abstract Of The Disclosure

Potential clinical trial participants are identified using a data source that includes dictation records of at least one healthcare professional containing information relating to the medical conditions of a plurality of patients identified by non-personal identifiers, by a method that includes the steps of establishing a search query based on participant criteria for acceptable participants for a given clinical trial; selecting non-personal identifiers of patients meeting the search query; transmitting identifiers of selected patients to the healthcare professional for use in contacting the selected patients to be determine their interest in participating in the clinical study, and to receive the patients' authorization to be contacted by the researcher or a research management organization acting on behalf of the researcher. Preferably, the data source is a data stream generated during transcription of records dictated by healthcare professionals, but not excluding billing, admission/discharge, laboratory, or prescription data streams with each patient record being compared against the search criteria immediately following transcription.